

CHICAGO AREA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL

MINUTES - OCTOBER 18, 1939 MEETING

Precisely at 8:01 P.M., Wednesday Evening, October 18, 1939 Chairman Eldred called the tenth regular meeting of the 1939 session of the CHICAGO AREA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL to order in Parlor L of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. Roll call showed the following:

AUSTIN R C	- Ugel W9ZMG and Englerth W9RMA.
BERWYN A R C	- Fanta W9PCZ and Nolan W9TQL.
C. R. T. A.	- Haller W9HPG, MacConnell W9TXU, Bingham W9AFF and Frederick W9BAN
C. S. R. A.	- Ashton W9PNV and Bohnsack W9PEQ
GARFIELD PARK A R C	- Watstein W9LLR and Springer W9TGH
HAMFESTERS R C	- Schallmo W9YZV and Clark W9YDV
ILLINOIS HAM C	- Eldred W9SG, Schroeder W9UJR, Holst W9MD and Applebaum W9AI.
L. M. A. R. R.	- Garner W9WDM.
MILWAUKEE A R C	- Kreis W9HRM
NORTHWEST A R C	- Munger W9LIP and Knodell W9TLQ
YORK R C	- McCarty W9KA and Paige W9NST.
VISITORS	- Fred Freiss W9ZDJ of Portage Park Radio Club and Mr. Cooley of Rotarian Magazine.

River Park, South Town and Tri-Town the only Clubs not represented.

Minutes of the September 20th. meeting approved as distributed.

In the absence of Mr. Horton no Treasurers report was forthcoming, the Secretary's current bill was approved for payment and, two September bills were approved for payment over the signature of Chairman Eldred.

The Secretary reported that he was in contact with the Pittsburg Council relative to two other Councils and had been informed that there was none in Erie but there was a Federated Radio Clubs of the Southwest with headquarters in Los Angeles. He stated that he had written them but had received no response to date. Also that Pittsburg Council had requested information relative to our work to obtain Call Letter License Plates and our thoughts on asking Manufacturers for prizes for ARRL sanctioned Conventions; that he had answered these questions as of Oct. 7th. telling both stories as complete as possible - stating that we were not in favor of asking for any donations what-so-ever and that it was our understanding that the League frowned on such tactics. Further that, Chairman Eldred had turned over to him a letter from a Mr. David Goodman of Waukegan requesting information for Newspaper articles as to the number of Amateurs in Lake County and Waukegan, the types of services rendered and season of greatest activity. This was answered as complete as possible and no further communications had been received. That he had written League Secretary Warner relative to an article in the Tribune (page 1) of October 6th, which seemed to cast reflections upon Amateur Radio Operators in general and had received a reply stating that Mr. Warner felt that no harm had been intended and that the matter was being taken up with the proper authorities. That Mr. Culver of the Sherman was much interested in the Council's Convention Committee and work and had requested the names of the members of the Committee. That he was working with Mr. Cooley of Rotarian Magazine who is preparing an article on Amateur Radio for publication in January Rotarian. That he had not received membership application from Portage Park Radio Club as yet.

Chairman Eldred stated he had little to report, however, he did wish to thank Mr. Knodell, Chairman of the Inter-Club Activities Committee for his very fine work in putting on the Emergency Field Day held October 15th. He then read a letter from Mr. Knodell thanking all those who participated and helped in the work for their co-operation and suggesting that the Council write to certain individuals thanking them for their assistance--the Secretary was so instructed. The Chairman also stated that the "War" Bulletins from League Headquarters were not so numerous and that they stated in fact, that there was no immediate prospect of the Amateurs losing any frequencies if we all remember to "be neutral" and watch our step very closely. And finally that a suggestion had been offered to the League by the west coast "gang" that in the event of war and the closing of the Amateur bands that the League request the FCC to allow us to continue to use 5 meters and above, such action to be taken only if our

other bands are "shut down"

The Vice Chairman had no report at this time.

Mr. Applebaum, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, stated that as yet there had not been a representative of the Jobbers appointed, however, that at the second meeting of the 1940 Convention Committee Mr. Ashton had presented all records from the 1938 Convention; that the new Committee had gone into them thoroughly and were ready to give a report at any time upon request.

Chairman Schallmo of the Publicity Committee had no report but it was pointed out that the Emergency Field Day had received some publicity in the Herald-American thru the efforts of W9QJA, Vic Ruebhausen. Mr. Cooley, of Rotarian said that such activity should have news value to the local Press and suggested that it might be worked through the Red Cross as the Press usually listened to them. Vice Chairman Holst offered to write an article on our Emergency Field Day for the Publicity Committee to send to QST and the local Press. Chairman Eldred stated that the rumor was definitely false that the FCC had appointed all Hams as MPs of the air ways.

Chairman Schroeder of the Emergency and Safety Committee said he had little to report but that they were still trying to "tie up" with the Legion Posts, more later.

No report from the Illegal Operations Committee due to absence of Mr. Dosland but Mr. Bingham reported working a "bootlegger" on 5. (who gave the call W9JFF). He is to check further and report to Mr. Dosland, W9TSN, at 10 N. Clark St., as are all Delegates and Alternates who hear of any Illegal Operations.

Mr. Ashton, Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that the River Park Club informed him that they are disbanding and requested removal of the name from the rolls. He stated that anyone knowing of eligible Clubs should notify him, so they could be investigated.

Mr. Applebaum, Chairman of the 1940 Convention Committee reported that Mr. Horton had been elected Treasurer, Mr. Munger Secretary and himself Chairman. That they had held two meetings to date and that they knew that two other cities (Indianapolis and Cincinnati) had already sent bids in to Director Mathews for the 1940 Divisional Convention but that Secretary Munger was writing them to find out if they would withdraw their bids in favor of Chicago. Chairman Eldred stated that they must not hesitate upon meeting this first obstacle but must fight on if they want to "put the Convention across" for that was probably the first of many setbacks that they would encounter and that they must not admit defeat so soon. He also said that the Milwaukee Club was figuring on running a State Convention in conjunction with their May QSO Party if Chicago did not get the Convention. A little discussion followed on ways and means for helping "the cause along".

The Inter-Club Activities Committee report - Mr. Munger reported that the Bowling League will get under way at Bensingers, Sunday October 29th. at 2:30 P.M. to run for six sessions, one each month; cost to be one dollar per man. Six Clubs have already stated that they would be represented, but that every one interested should turn out as it may be that some Club would be short handed while others may have extra men who could fill in someplace or make up a new team. The Speakers List was revived for discussion and Mr. Munger said that he would undertake revision of same at once. The Fall Technical Mass Meeting was next discussed and will probably be held the latter part of November. The Illinois Ham Club suggested that the talks be broken up into four topics, antennas, tubes, power supplies and antenna matching. Mr. Munger asked that anyone having suggestions get them in to him or Mr. Knodell at once, and delegates please find out what nite the Clubs would like same held as no response had been received on this matter. Mr. Bingham suggested that the Council sponsor an Annual Dinner similar to the ones CRTA used to run with only a MC, entertainment by local talent and a small Social Dance afterwards. At this point Mr. Applebaum stated that Taylor Tubes had offered to hold a Dance for the benefit of the Council all proceeds from same to be turned into the Council Treasury and if any losses were incurred that they would stand them. Discussion followed as to the relative merits of each and it was finally decided to drop the Dinner for the present in favor of the Dance as it was felt that it would be more suitable from many angles just now. A motion "That the Council accept the offer of Taylor Tubes to hold a dance for the benefit of the Chicago Area

Radio Club Council, with the understanding that the Council is to realize any profits therefrom but is not to share in any losses, if there be such" was carried unanimously. Committee Chairman Knodell in reporting on the Emergency Field Day stated that he had no apologies to offer and that he would like to consider the matter as "no Contest" as he felt that everyone learned plenty from the first attempt, including the Control Station. He also stated that instead of discussing the matter at great length now he felt it best if each Club would submit in writing to him at 220 Institute Place any criticism and suggestions for future use. Of the 13 Clubs in the Council 8 participated and that Austin, C.R.T.A., Illinois Ham and York Clubs had already turned in their reports. Copies of the individual Club Logs from the Control Station were distributed to each participating Club.

Old Business; No Special election for Central Division Director is to be held as the mail pole of the Directors indicated that they had not intended the Amendments to apply to present Directors. The question "What is an Alternate Director for" was discussed at some length and Mr. Munger was appointed to formulate a letter, to be approved by the Council, to Director Mathews asking that steps be taken at the next Board Meeting to rectify the prevailing condition. The question of Director Mathews eligibility to hold office was discussed but no action taken. The matter of Council Officers being limited to not more than one from any affiliated Club was brought up. Mr. Ashton said that he did not wish to push his proposed amendment as sentiment seemed to be against such action, however, after discussion he said that he would prepare such an amendment with the possibility of changing the wording of the Constitution so as to make it necessary for an Officer to be a Delegate or Alternate and perhaps limiting the number of officers from any one Club. The Matter of the Call License Plates was touched on briefly it being pointed out that Michigan was abandoning the practice and that the chances seemed to be pretty thin right at present, more as developments arise.

New Business brought little, Mr. Ashton mentioned the fact that we had already lost some of our ultra-hi frequencies and that unless we got busy at once we might lose more and he suggested that the Council do something toward promoting activity on 5 and 2½ meters. After discussion Mr. Applebaum suggested the Chairman appoint Mr. Ashton and Mr. Bingham as a committee to prepare such activity, the appointment was so made and Mr. Ashton said that a 150 watt, 2½ meter xmtr. would be at the next meeting. Mr. Haller pointed out that the ORS Bulletin carried news of 2 D4 stations operating in the Ham bands and that anyone contacting them should be extra careful relative to our neutrality act as they seemed to be seeking information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 P.M.; meeting time 2 Hours and 12 minutes but a general rag chew of the Emergency Field Day carried on for some time afterwards.

Respectively submitted

M. Warren Clark, W9YDV, Secretary

HIGHSPOTS:

Remember at all time to "be Neutral" for the sake of Amateur Radio and the Nation. Be on the look-out for Illegal Operations and report any to Mr. Dosland, W9TSN. Vote to be taken at the next meeting on the withdrawal of River Park.

More on 1940 Convention Plans at the November meeting.

Bowling League starts Sunday October 29 at Bensingers, at 2:30 P.M., be out.

Speaker List needs revising, help Mr. Munger W9LIP, by writing him soon.

Remember coming attractions, the Mass Meeting and the Dance.

Get your Emergency Field Day report in to Mr. Knodell at once.

"What is an Alternate For?" letter to be voted upon next meeting.

The Question of limiting the number of Council Officers from any one Club to be discussed in November, be ready to talk.

Prepare for Ultra-hi frequency work, your Councils planning activity there.